Public Notice



Request for Comments on Draft Documents for the Closure of Area 514 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory



Public Comment Period: March 12 through April 12, 2004

We, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), request public comments on the Draft Closure Plan and Proposed Negative Declaration for the Closure of Area 514 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The Draft Closure Plan details how Area 514 will be decontaminated and closed. The Proposed Negative Declaration states that closing Area 514 will not have harmful affects on human health or the environment. Our conclusions are based on our evaluation of certain criteria, which is put together in a document called an Initial Study. These documents are available for public review. LLNL is located at 7000 East Avenue in Livermore, CA 94550.

Area 514 consists of buildings and areas where hazardous waste has been treated and stored. These treatment and storage areas are being phased out of service as the new Decontamination and Waste Treatment Facility within LLNL becomes active. Some of the old treatment equipment will be relocated to the new facility, while some treatment equipment will be decontaminated and appropriately disposed. In the event that the buildings and pavement can not be cleaned to approved standards, they will be removed and managed as contaminated waste. Details of how Area 514 will be cleaned and closed are included in the comprehensive Closure Plan for the Area 514 Treatment and Storage Facility, dated May 2000 (as revised in February 2004).

Prior soil and groundwater sampling show minimal amounts of contamination at this area. We therefore do not expect extensive excavation to adequately clean the site. Details on this sampling information are contained in the Initial Study.

The documents related to the project are available for review at the DTSC office and Public Library shown below. These include the LLNL prepared Closure Plan, the DTSC prepared Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration, and a Fact Sheet which summarizes the activities involved with the closure project.

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DTSC will accept written comments on the proposed closure of Area 514 from March 12 to April 12, 2004. Please send your comments to:

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At the close of the comment period, DTSC will make the decision whether or not to approve the Draft Closure Plan and the Proposed Negative Declaration after considering all comments. All commenters will be notified of the final decision.